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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR AFRICAN LABOR MINISTER CONFERENCE

TO BEGIN IN TRIPOLI APRIL 25

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1. PERMSEC OF KENYA LABOR MINISTRY, J.I. OTIENO, TOLD
EMBOFF MARCH 30 THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO CONTACT

WITH ZAMBIA WITH RESPECT TO RAISING U.S. ILO CONCERNs

AT TRIPOLI LABOR MINISTERS' MEETING. OTIENO SAID

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KENyan delegation would talk informally with Zambia or
other like-minded nations about the U.S. concerns if Zambia
or another country initiated discussion of the topic.

He implied that Kenya does not wish to take any action
at Tripoli which would cut it off from African
mainstream.

2. OTIENO SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL SUBJECT U.S. ILO CONCERNS IS LIKELY TO ARISE IN CONTEXT DISCUSSION OF ILO STRUCTURE, WHICH IS ON TRIPOLI MEETING AGENDA. HE SAID THAT IF RADICAL NATIONS TAKE POLEMICAL STANCE ON THIS ISSUE, KENYA WOULD SPEAK UP ON OTHER SIDE.

3. OTIENO SAID THAT LABOR MINISTER JAMES NYAMWEYA DOES NOT PLAN ATTEND TRIPOLI MEETING. KENYAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY ASSISTANT LABOR MINISTER S. KAIRO, BUT, IN FACT, SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY OTIENO HIMSELF.

4. COMMENT: OTIENO'S REMARKS WERE DISAPPOINTING IN THAT HE WAS FAR MORE FORTHCOMING IN JANUARY MEETING WITH U.S. ILO REP. HORIWITZ (NAIROBI 0661). LABMIN NYAMWEYA IS NOW WAITING FOR PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION BEFORE PROPOSING PRECISE DATES FOR HIS LEADER GRANT VISIT TO U.S. THIS VISIT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO PERSUADE KENYA TO WISDOM OF PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE AMONG MODERATE NATIONS ON ILO MATTERS.

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